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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government impose to increase private participation in Health Services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent of participation the Government and the private organizations shall have in health services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) Health is a State subject. However, the new National Health Policy - 2002 announced by the Government welcomes the participation of the private sector in all areas of health activities with suitable regulatory mechanism.

The new Health Policy envisages the co-option of the non-governmental practitioners in the national disease control programmes so as to ensure that standard treatment protocols are followed in their day-to-day practice.

The public health sector expenditure is planned to be increased from a level of 0.9% of GDP as at present to 2% of GDP by the year 2010. Further, in order to increasingly involve non-governmental organizations and other institutions of the civil society and also to utilize their high motivational skills on an increasing scale, the policy envisages that the disease control programmes should earmark not less than 10% of the budget in respect of identified programme components, to be exclusively implemented through these institutions.